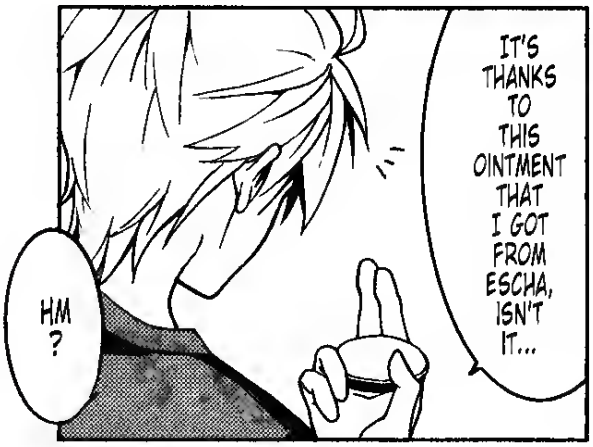
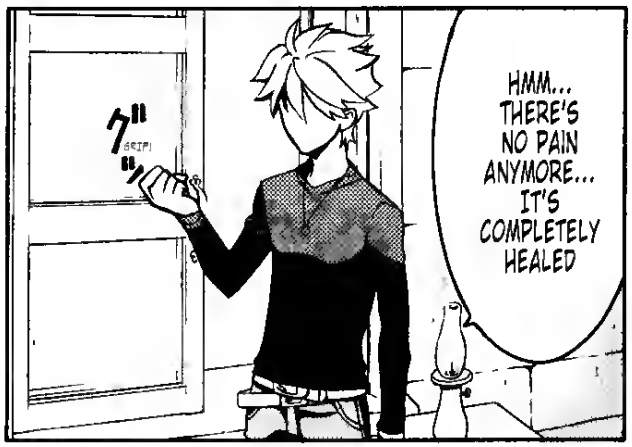
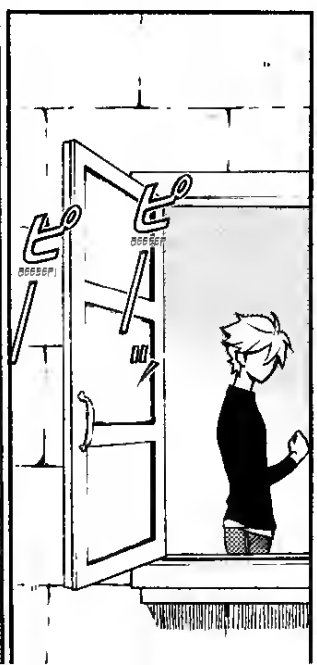
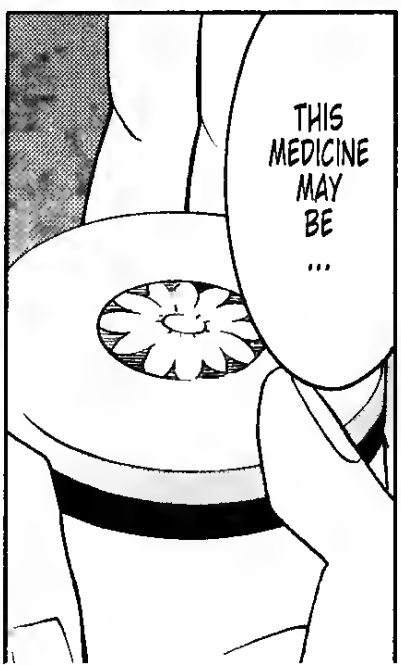
CHAPTER 3: THE APPLE ORCHARD'S OLD WINDMILL









YES, THAT'S RIGHT
...CAREFULLY, OKAY ! DON'T EVER DAMAGE THE CARGO, PLEASE !!
HEY, LOOK... KEEP A GOOD EYE ON IT
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BEEEEP!
CHATTER
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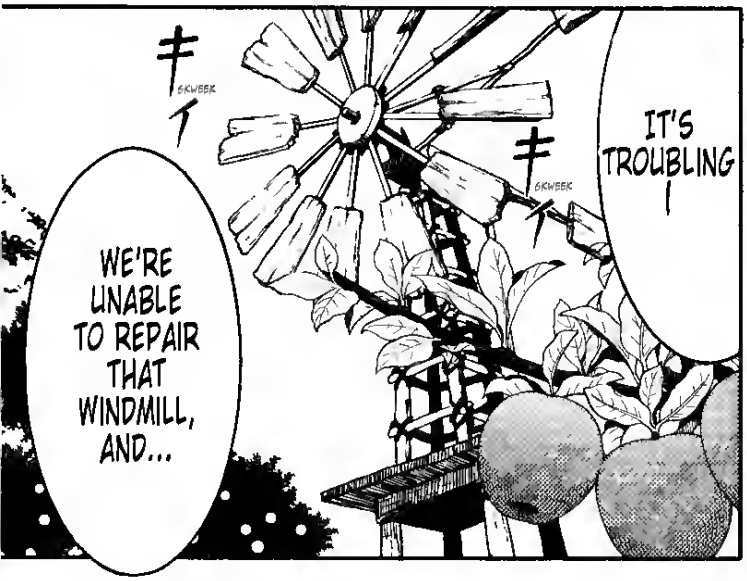
THAT'S THE CARGO THE CARAVAN WAS CARRYING YESTERDAY, I SUPPOSE
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT


GKWEEK
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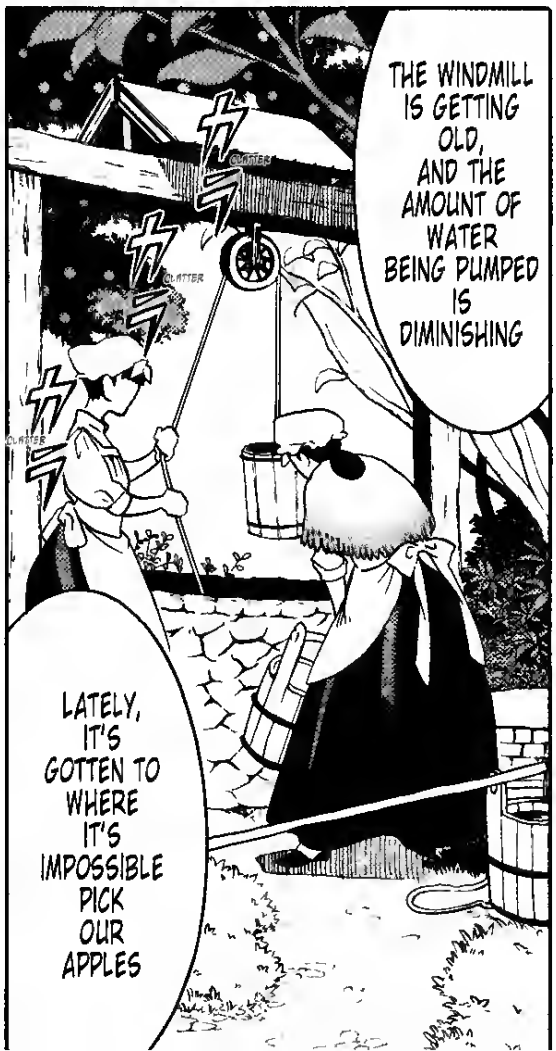
IT'S TROUBLING!
WE'RE UNABLE TO REPAIR THAT WINDMILL, AND...


CLATTER
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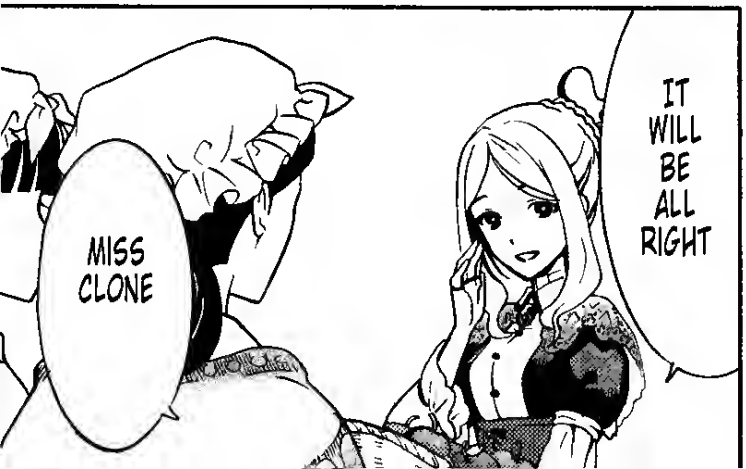
THE WINDMILL IS GETTING OLD, AND THE AMOUNT OF WATER BEING PUMPED IS DIMINISHING
LATELY, IT'S GOTTEN TO WHERE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE PICK OUR APPLES


IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT
MISS CLONE

I'M SURE ESCHA AND HER CO-WORKERS WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
WOOWW !
IT'S A BIG AND WONDERFUL ALCHEMY CAULDRON !!
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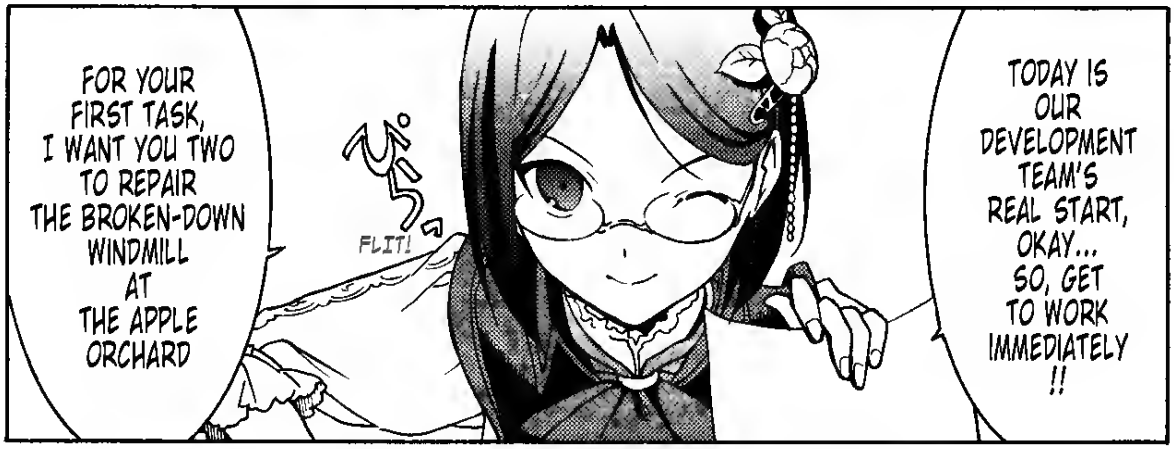
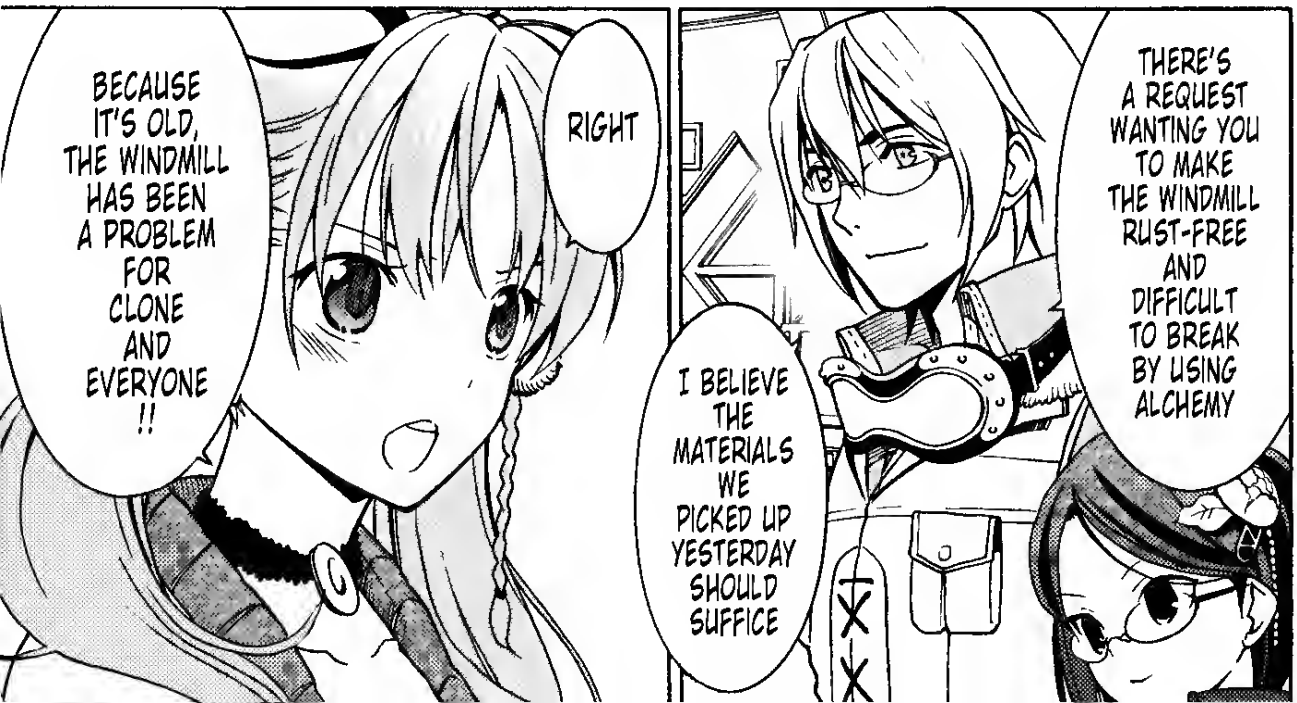
I TAKE IT YOU'RE PLEASED WITH IT ?
YES, MA'AM !!
I CAN MIX A LOT WITH THIS !!

WHY IS SUCH A THING IN THE ATELIER ...
ESCHA, LOGY... PLEASE COME HERE !
YES, MA'AM !
A CAULDRON ...?


FOR YOUR FIRST TASK, I WANT YOU TWO TO REPAIR THE BROKEN-DOWN WINDMILL AT THE APPLE ORCHARD
FLIT!
TODAY IS OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM'S REAL START, OKAY... SO, GET TO WORK IMMEDIATELY !!


BECAUSE IT'S OLD, THE WINDMILL HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR CLONE AND EVERYONE !!
RIGHT
I BELIEVE THE MATERIALS WE PICKED UP YESTERDAY SHOULD SUFFICE
THERE'S A REQUEST WANTING YOU TO MAKE THE WINDMILL RUST-FREE AND DIFFICULT TO BREAK BY USING ALCHEMY

ESCHA HAS ONLY MADE MEDICINES UP TO NOW... SO THIS TIME, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, LOGY
I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP !!
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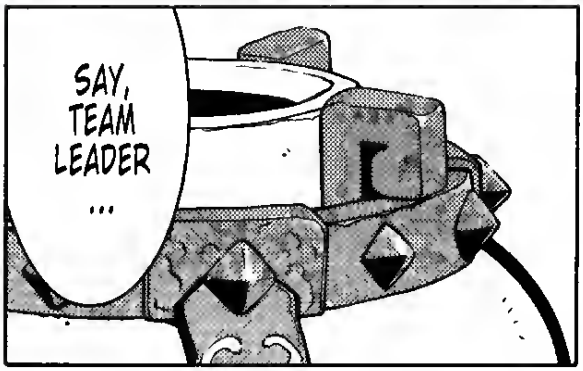
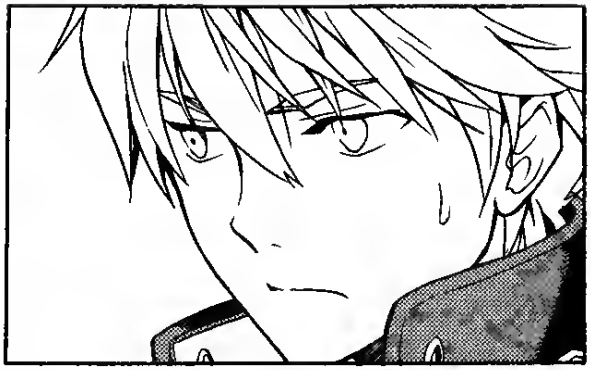
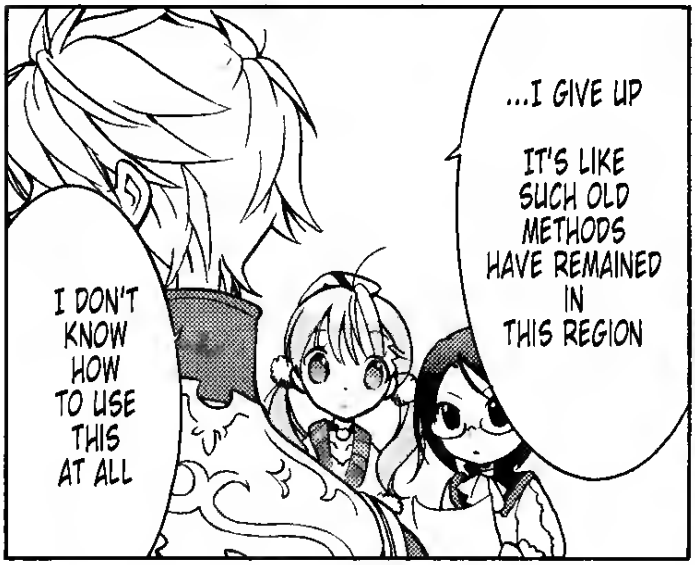

SAY, TEAM LEADER ...




...I GIVE UP
IT'S LIKE SUCH OLD METHODS HAVE REMAINED IN THIS REGION
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THIS AT ALL

IS THIS CAULDRON THE ONLY ALCHEMY EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED FOR NOW ?
YES... ARE THERE ANY PROBLEMS ?

I'M UNABLE TO MIX THINGS WITH THIS
EH ?

STILL, YOU USED THE WEAPON THAT CRACKLED AND SPARKLED, YESTERDAY, RIGHT ...?
EEH
(GASP)
!?
AT THE CENTER, IT'S NORMAL FOR EACH ALCHEMIST TO USE EXCLUSIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE, SPECIALIZED FIELD
SFX: 'PAKU PAKU' = MOUTH FLAPPING, OPEN AND CLOSE
THEN, LOGY ... WHAT ABOUT YOUR ALCHEMY ...?
IN THIS SITUATION, IT SEEMS I WON'T BE ABLE TO REALLY USE IT... I'M A NOVICE WHEN IT COMES TO ALCHEMY CAULDRONS
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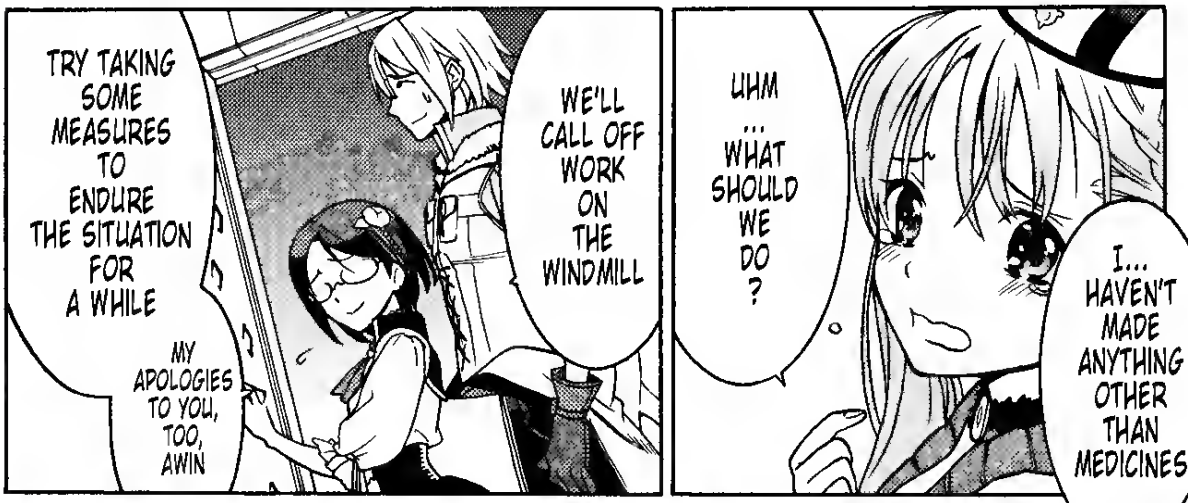
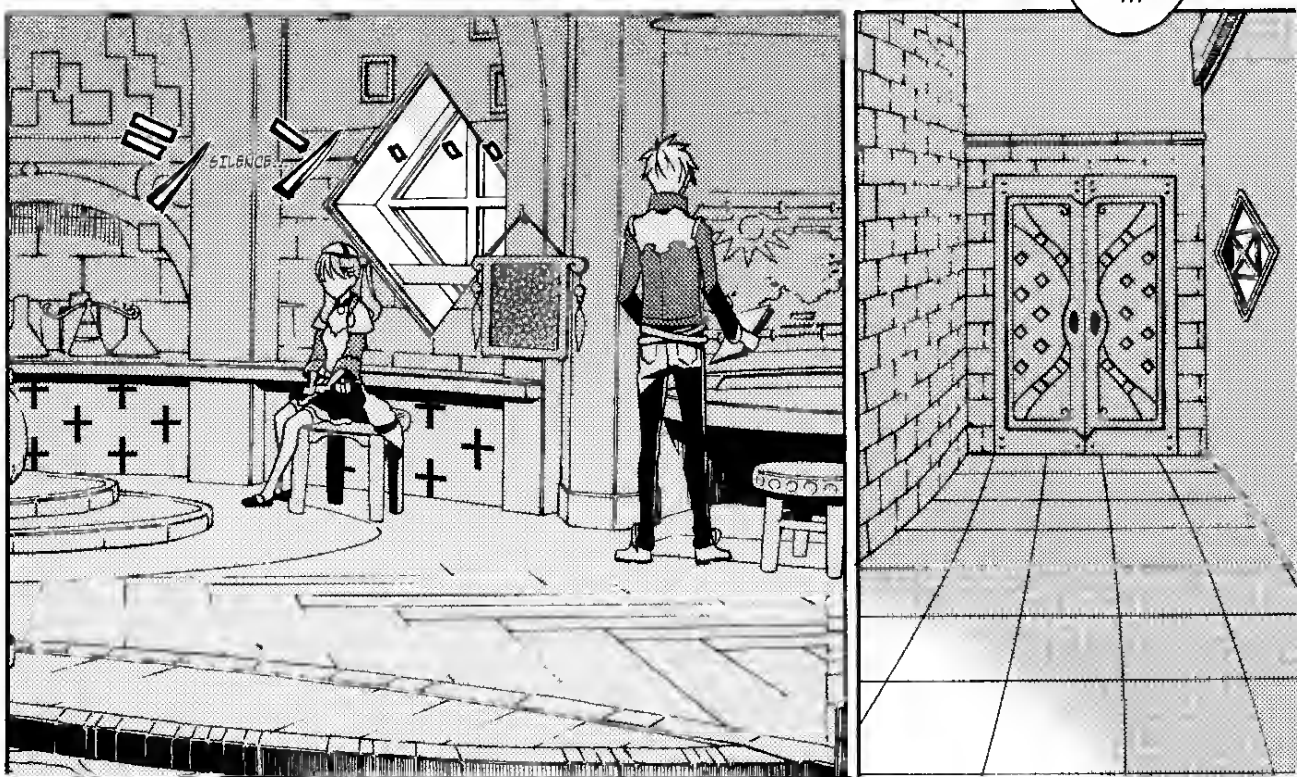
...
THIS CAN'T BEEE... I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FINALLY FIX THE WINDMILL, AND YET ...
へな WORN OUT
へな WILT
THIS IS A DILEMMA, ISN'T IT

I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T INQUIRE MUCH ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE THE ALCHEMISTS I GOT TO KNOW STILL MADE EVERYTHING WITH JUST AN ALCHEMY CAULDRON
SO RELIABLE TOOLS ARE WHAT YOU USE AT THE CENTER, HUH
DO SUCH ALCHEMISTS EXIST ?
..."EVERY-THING," YOU SAY


I... HAVEN'T MADE ANYTHING OTHER THAN MEDICINES ...
UHM ... WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?
WE'LL CALL OFF WORK ON THE WINDMILL
TRY TAKING SOME MEASURES TO ENDURE THE SITUATION FOR A WHILE
MY APOLOGIES TO YOU, TOO, AWIN


SILENCE

I THOUGHT I COULD FINALLY WORK IN EVERYONE'S BEHALF, LIKE MOTHER, BUT...
I'M STILL A NOVICE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES...

I'LL GO CLEAN THE OTHER SIDE !!
...
...
OH! ... I'M SORRY

ESCHA, HOW DO YOU USUALLY MIX WITH AN ALCHEMY CAULDRON ?
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RUSTLE
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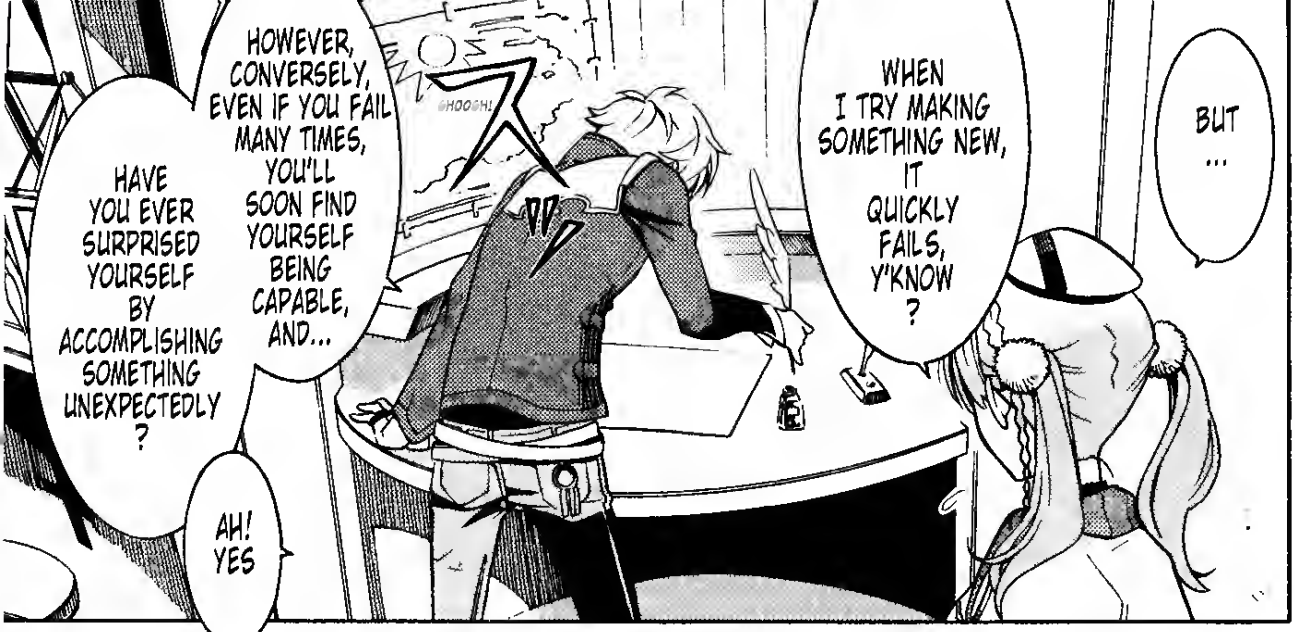
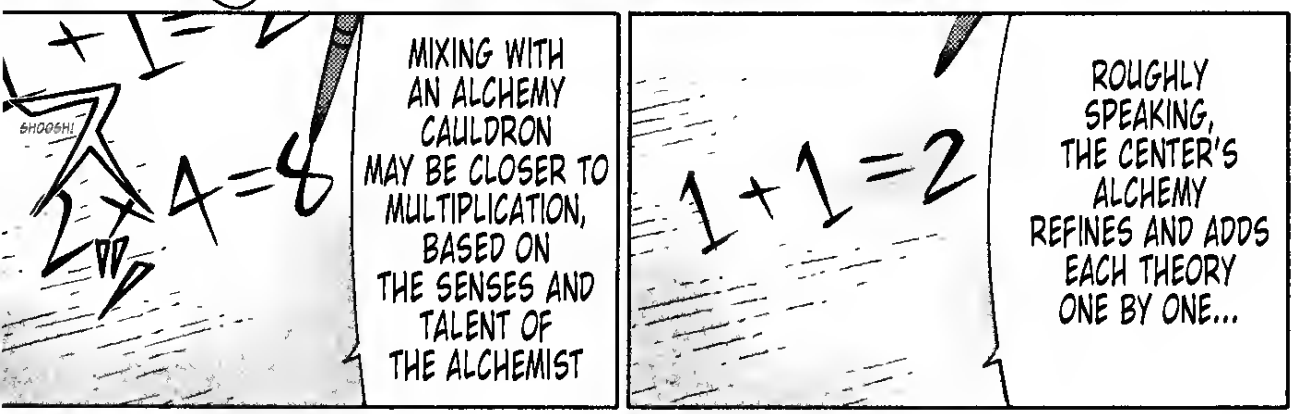
WE HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS FOR THE WINDMILL, DON'T WE
...
...

ROUND — AND ROUND —?
LIKE THIS... ROUND AND ROUND... ROUND — AND ROUND —
"HOW," YOU ASK ...
YOUR EXPLANATION CONVINCED ME OF THAT, JUST NOW ...
...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO IT
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT ALL THAT WELL, BUT... ...
IT'S LIKE THIS... ROUND — AND ROUND
YOU MIX LIKE YOU'RE COOKING SOMETHING, AND WHEN IT LOOKS AND FEELS JUST RIGHT, IT'S COMPLETE!! ...LIKE THAT, SEE ?
YOUR "SOMEHOW" IS YOUR TALENT (ABILITY) AND SENSES
IS IT THAT DIFFICULT ? I MANAGE SOMEHOW, YOU KNOW
GENERALLY, YOU CONSTRUCT THEORIES, DRAW UP PLANS, THEN MIX THINGS


BUT ...
WHEN I TRY MAKING SOMETHING NEW, IT QUICKLY FAILS, Y'KNOW ?
HOWEVER, CONVERSELY, EVEN IF YOU FAIL MANY TIMES, YOU'LL SOON FIND YOURSELF BEING CAPABLE, AND...
HAVE YOU EVER SURPRISED YOURSELF BY ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING UNEXPECTEDLY ?
AH! YES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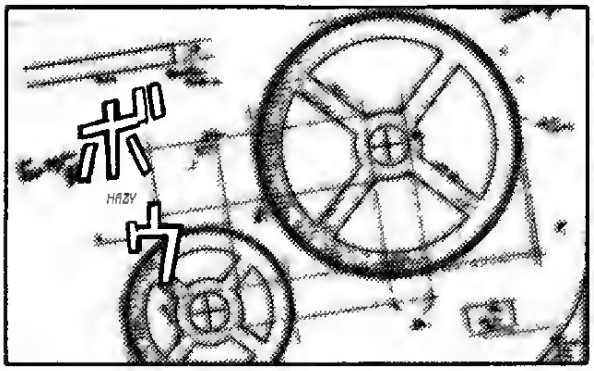
ROUGHLY SPEAKING, THE CENTER'S ALCHEMY REFINES AND ADDS EACH THEORY ONE BY ONE...
SHOOSH!
MIXING WITH AN ALCHEMY CAULDRON MAY BE CLOSER TO MULTIPLICATION, BASED ON THE SENSES AND TALENT OF THE ALCHEMIST

ALSO
...LOGY IS LIKE A SCHOOL TEACHER !!
AND HE'S SO ELOQUENT
HYA
RUSTLE
I EXAMINED THIS MEDICINE THAT YOU GAVE ME, ESCHA
IT HAS THE SAME INGREDIENTS AS THE STUFF WE CALL "HEALING SALVES" AT THE CENTER
WOW... SO THE CENTER HAS THE SAME MEDICINE, TOO, HUH !
YEAH
THE WAY IT'S MADE IS DIFFERENT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE ARE NO COMMONALITIES... THE BASIS IS THE SAME

WE CAN MAKE THE WINDMILL PARTS WITH THE ALCHEMY CAULDRON !!
IN OTHER WORDS, THAT MEANS IF WE WORK TOGETHER
RUSTLE!
FLICK!

SHWISH!
SHWIIISH
...
...
GOOD
AMAZING...! HE'S QUICKLY DRAWING SUCH COMPLICATED PLANS WITHOUT HAVING TO SEE SAMPLES ...!
RUSTLE!
RUSTLE!
RUSTLE!
I IMPROVISED, BUT THIS SHOULD DO IT
...I'VE NEVER MADE ANYTHING THIS COMPLI-CATED !!

TRY NOT TO READ THIS BLUEPRINT
USE THE IMAGE AS THE BASIS FOR THE WINDMILL YOU WANT TO MAKE
...
...
YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE NUMERICAL VALUES NOR THE ARITHMETIC FORMULAS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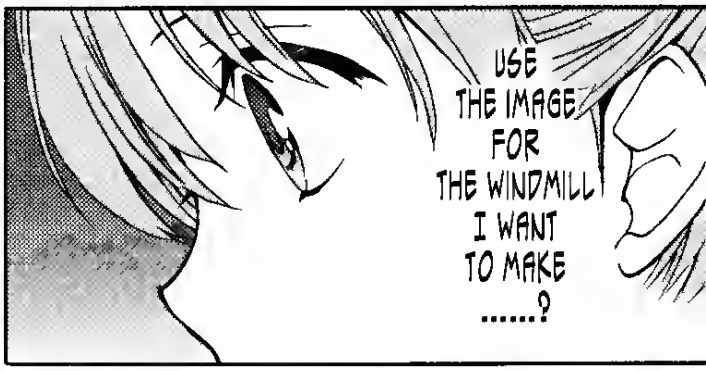
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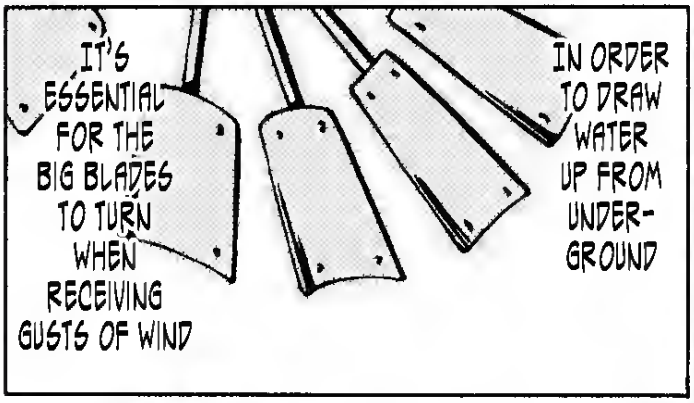
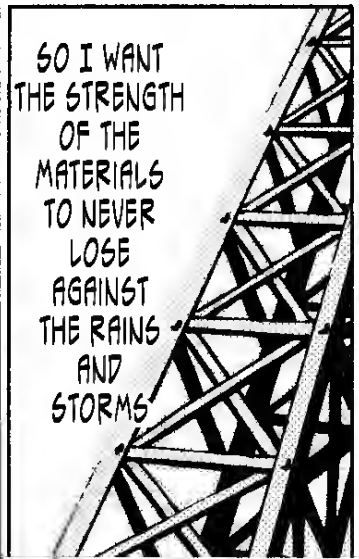

IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR THE BIG BLADES TO TURN WHEN RECEIVING GUSTS OF WIND
IN ORDER TO DRAW WATER UP FROM UNDER-GROUND

IT'S FAINT, BUT IT'S COMING TO VIEW
THAT WINDMILL WAS THE WINDMILL MOTHER MADE LONG AGO WITH ALCHEMY...

YES... THAT WINDMILL I SAW WITH MOTHER LONG AGO ...!


SO I WANT THE STRENGTH OF THE MATERIALS TO NEVER LOSE AGAINST THE RAINS AND STORMS

I WILL MIX IT
YEAH... THE MATERIALS ARE PERFECT
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M SEEING ESCHA'S ALCHEMY, ISN'T IT...
...
...
ALL RIGHT !!
DOES THE SECRET OF THE AUTOMATON (THE MECHANIZED DOLL) SHE INHERITED FROM THE PREVIOUS ERA LIE WITHIN THE ALCHEMY OF OLD... OR AM I THINKING TOO MUCH ?

A BIG, BIG WINDMILL THAT ALLOWS US TO PRODUCE LOTS OF APPLES !

APPLES THAT ARE VERY SWEET AND DELICIOUS WHEN YOU EAT THEM.....

DID I... FINISH IT?
WHOOOA!
IT'S NOT BAD
YEAH
IS THAT SO? I'M GLAD YOU SUCCEEDED... THE MORE YOU PRACTICE, THE MORE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE ALL SORTS OF THINGS
YES
HA HA!
GIGGLE!
UHM
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I WAS ABLE TO DO SOMETHING NEW SO WELL ...
WE DID IT! LOGY!
I DID IT—!!
HAHA... ARE YOU PLEASED ABOUT THAT?

EHE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!
LOGY !
AS IT IS, IT'S NOT GOOD THAT I'M UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING, TOO...
I HAVE TO EARNESTLY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MEASURES ...
LOGY... YOU DID LAUGH EARLIER, RIGHT !?
STARE!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LAUGHING ...
...WAS I LAUGHING ?
AH!... IT'S NOT THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A SCOWL OR ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR AND SUCH... ...
... ...

THERE'S STILL ONE MORE TASK TO COMPLETE
AFTER REPORTING TO THE TEAM LEADER, LET'S TAKE THE FINISHED PARTS TO THE APPLE ORCHARD
OKAY
IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE I LAUGHED LIKE THIS
PPHT KHKHKH AH HA HA HA
EH
SO YOU'RE GONNA BURST OUT LAUGHING NOW !?
CLONE WILL BE SURPRISED ...
WHEN I TELL HER I MADE THE PARTS FOR THE WINDMILL, WON'T SHE !!

ALL RIGHT
THE INSTALLATION TO THE WINDMILL IS COMPLETE
WHEN THE WIND BLOWS, IT SHOULD WORK
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CHATTER
さわ
MURMUR
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KATHUMP
...I WONDER IF IT'LL WORK PROPERLY
ドキ
KATHUMP
THE WIND HAS COME ...
RUSHH
OH MY
IF YOU AND LOGY GAVE IT YOUR ALL TO MAKE IT, IT WILL BE FINE
YEAH
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SMILE

THAT'S OUR ALCHEMISTS FOR YOU !!
THANK YOU !
RATTLE
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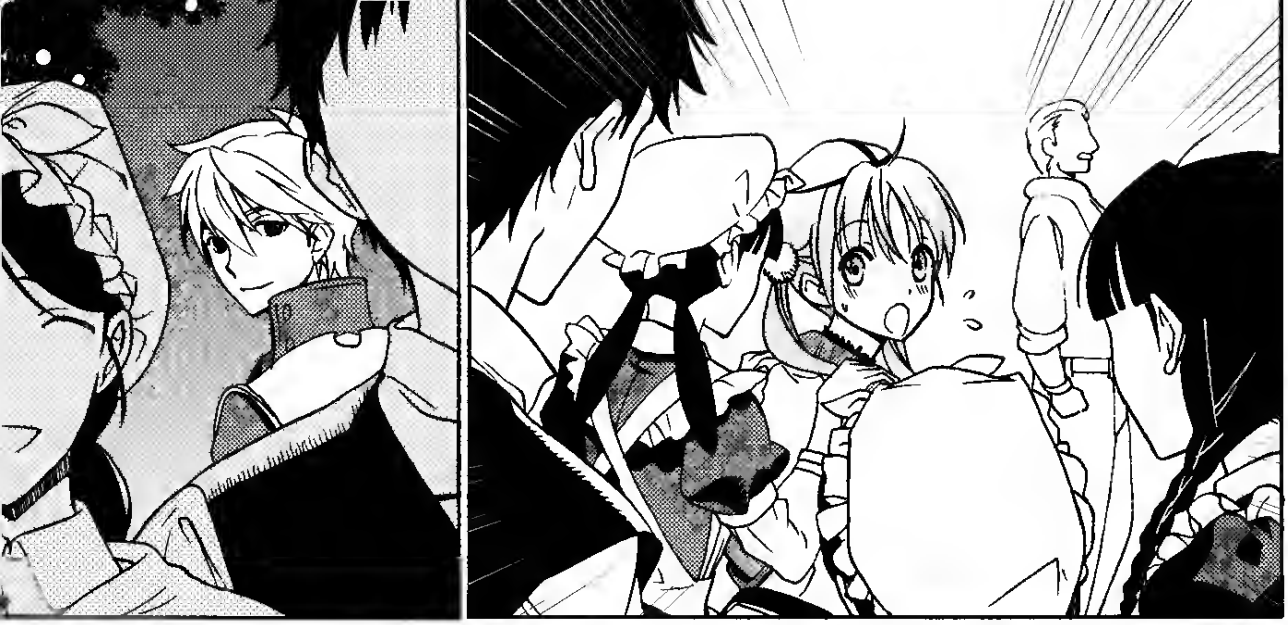
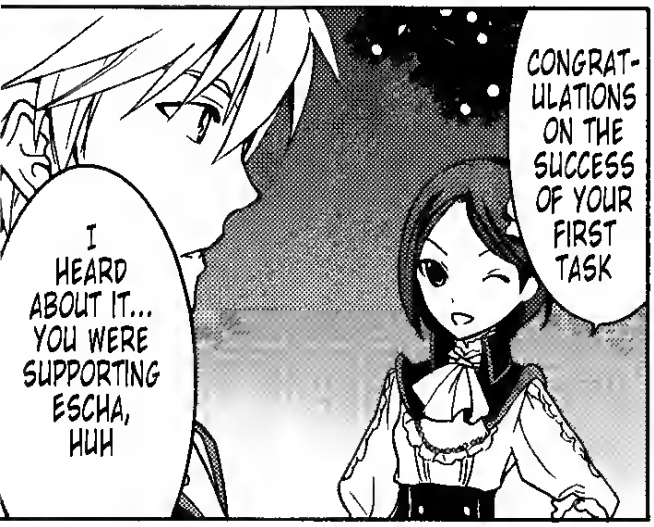
THE WINDMILL IS TURNING !!

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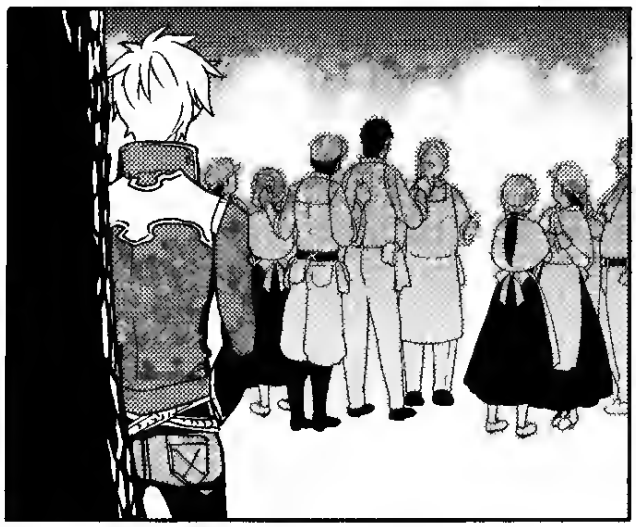

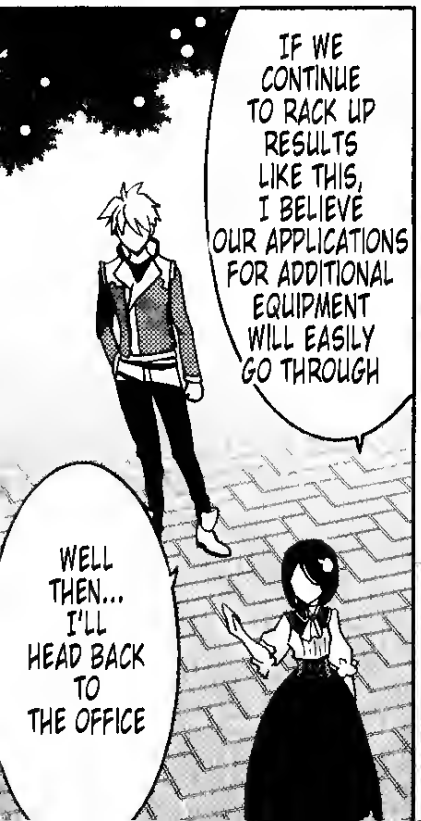
IF WE
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LIKE THIS,
I BELIEVE
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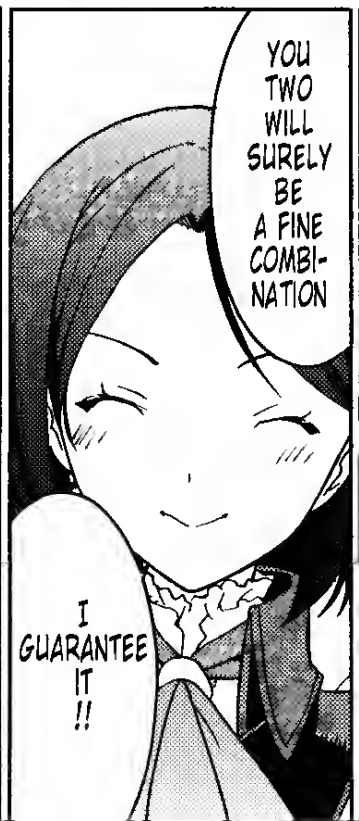
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CHATTER
IN CORSEIT, THIS TOWN WHERE THEY'RE OKAY WITH ESCHA'S OLD STYLE ALCHEMY...
...
NOBODY HERE MINDS THAT SHE IS AN AUTOMATON
...
...
BOW

IN THIS LAND —
THE CRAFT AND THE HISTORY ...
AND THE PERPETUATION OF ALCHEMY... IS STILL ALIVE
LET'S GO
EVERYONE IS WAITING
DASH!
BEING BY YOURSELF IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... THAT'S NOT GOOD, YOU KNOW !!
IT WASN'T PARTICULARLY INTENTIONAL ...
LOGY !!
WAH !

ALCHEMY FOR THE PEOPLE'S SAKE ...
THIS ISN'T A BAD THING, IS IT
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SKWEEK
SKWEEK!!

WE HAVE ARRIVED... THIS IS CORSEIT
ALLOW ME, MISS LUCILLE... YOUR HAND, PLEASE
PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME SPECIAL TREATMENT HERE
UHM
I CAME HERE TO TRY MY BEST ON MY OWN
UNDER-STOOD
I HAVE WORK TO DO, TOO... SO IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
SO THIS IS CORSEIT ...
THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE, INSPECTOR (INSPECTION OFFICER) MICIE

IT'S MY JOB TO BE THE JUDGE OF THAT
... GOODBYE FOR NOW
WELL THE OPERATIONS OF THE CORSEIT BRANCH CAN'T BE MORE SOUND THAN THAT
I THINK WE CAN FINISH THE JOB SOONER THAN THE OTHER BRANCHES
LOGIX FISCARIO ...AN ELITE ALCHEMIST WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF DEVELOPING TOP SECRET WEAPONS AT THE CENTER
WHY IS SOMEONE LIKE THAT IN THIS REMOTE REGION ...!?
TO BE AN INSPECTION OFFICER FROM THE CENTER AT THAT AGE... BEING ARROGANT IS INEVITABLE
GHUT!
...THAT'S QUITE A FINE THING TO SAY, HUH
THAT MAN JUST NOW IS SURELY ...
KLOK!
KLOK!
KLOK!
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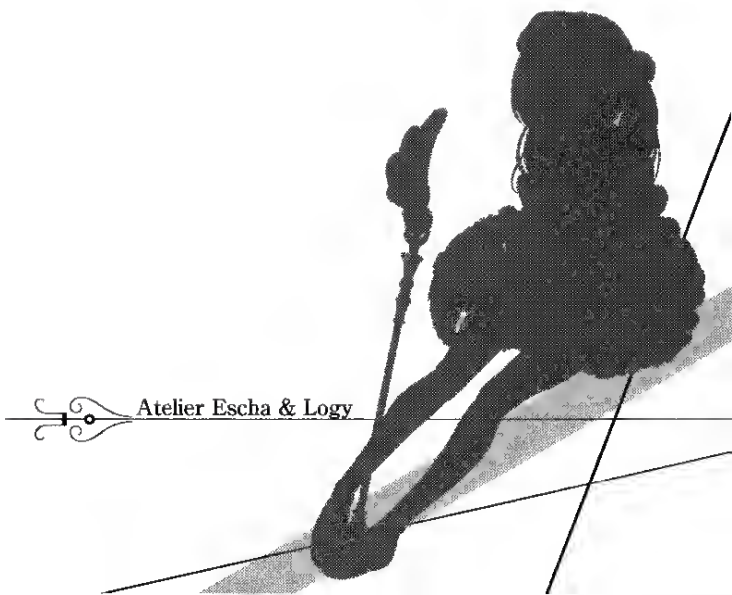
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